

# WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

## Kansas Immunization Program

May 8, 2019

### VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm at 785-296-5592.



## CHIEF CHAT

We received notice this week from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that AstraZeneca has notified CDC that their supply for the 2019-2020 influenza season will be reduced in both public and private sectors. The reduced capacity, however, is NOT anticipated to impact the quality of the vaccine. Based on manufacturer projections, we believe that the total supply of flu vaccine for the 2019-2020 season should be sufficient to meet demand for seasonal flu vaccination in the United States.

Providers purchasing vaccine privately may need to check with more than one supplier or purchase a flu vaccine brand other than the one they normally select. In addition, since seasonal flu vaccines have varying age indications, providers purchasing vaccines to replace live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) will need to account for their intended use of vaccine (e.g., ages of the children to be served; settings for vaccine

administration) and the mix of flu vaccines they will be stocking for the 2019-2020 season.

As a result of this announcement, we were advised that we would receive only one-third of the LAIV, which we had pre-booked earlier this year, for the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. All providers who placed pre-book VFC requests have been contacted directly and notified of the change in the requested influenza vaccine presentations to be expected in the upcoming season.

We appreciate all of the efforts by providers to meet the deadlines for the annual VFC enrollment. Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) staff continue to process the enrollments and are working with individual provider clinics to get things wrapped up. There have been many lessons learned this year that will be used to enhance the process for next year and the years to come.



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# INJECTION OF EDUCATION

The vaccine schedule can be complicated. The spacing between doses can change depending on which dose you are giving within the series, if a child is behind in the series, or can change due to the age of the child. Last week, we discussed some of the changes that were made to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [2019 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#). This week we would like to highlight some job aids that were created to help you in determining what dose a child may need when applying the catch-up schedule and the intervals between catch-up doses. Total doses needed to complete some vaccine series may change due to the age the catch-up doses are administered.

## Diphtheria-, Tetanus-, and Pertussis-Containing Vaccines: DTaP/DT

DTaP series completion can depend on the age the final dose is administered. The complete series is usually five doses but may be considered complete if the fourth dose of the series is given after the fourth birthday.

Haemophilus influenzae type B Vaccines: ActHIB, Pentacel, Hiberix or Unknown and Haemophilus influenzae type B Vaccines: PedvaxHIB Vaccine Only Series completion for *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, may differ depending on the vaccine brand (or presentation). The total number of doses required for series completion may also change for an older child receiving catch-up doses.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine: PCV The Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (Prevnar 13) series, if completed as recommended, consists of four doses. The total number of doses needed for series completion may be less, depending on the age in which the doses are received if administered as part of a catch-up schedule.

## Tetanus-, Diphtheria-, and Pertussis-Containing Vaccines: Tdap/Td

The routine schedule for Tdap is one dose for an adolescent 11-12 years old if they have received a complete DTaP series. If the DTaP schedule is incomplete, this job aid will help with catch-up dosing to complete the series.

## Influenza Surveillance May 8



Influenza activity is decreasing across Kansas. The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ( $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending April 27<sup>th</sup>, ILINet sites reported 1.1% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 1.4% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories has detected A/H3 in 152 specimens, A/H1 in 67 specimens, influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens and one influenza B (Victoria) specimen. Thirty-three influenza outbreaks have been reported to KDHE this season. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.



# Responses Created by Ongoing Measles Outbreaks in the U.S.

## **FDA issues statement about MMR vaccine safety and efficacy; urges public to get timely vaccinations**

On April 22, the [FDA issued a statement](#) on its continued confidence in the safety and effectiveness of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. A portion of the statement is reprinted below.

*...We cannot state strongly enough—the overwhelming scientific evidence shows that vaccines are among the most effective and safest interventions to both prevent individual illness and protect public health.*

*Vaccinating against measles, mumps, and rubella not only protects us and our children, it protects people who can't be vaccinated, including children with compromised immune systems due to illness and its treatment, such as cancer.*

*We do not take lightly our responsibility to ensure the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, and work diligently to assess safety and effectiveness of all licensed vaccines for their intended uses. The MMR vaccine is very effective at protecting people against measles, mumps, and rubella. It also prevents complications caused by these diseases. And we have nearly 50 years of experience and evidence supporting that fact. In fact, according to the CDC, two doses of the MMR vaccine beginning at 12 months of age (the recommended dosing schedule) are 97% effective against measles, 88% effective against mumps, and 97% effective for rubella....*

*The FDA will continue to closely monitor these outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases alongside our federal partners at CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services, and will provide any new information about vaccine safety or effectiveness to the public. But just to be clear, the FDA has determined that the MMR vaccine is both safe and effective in preventing these diseases. We join our colleagues at HHS, CDC, National Institutes of Health, and state and*

*local health departments across the country in the continued effort to encourage vaccinations against these preventable diseases.*

## **Opinion piece by former first lady Rosalynn Carter about disinformation as the new barrier to measles vaccination published in *USA Today***

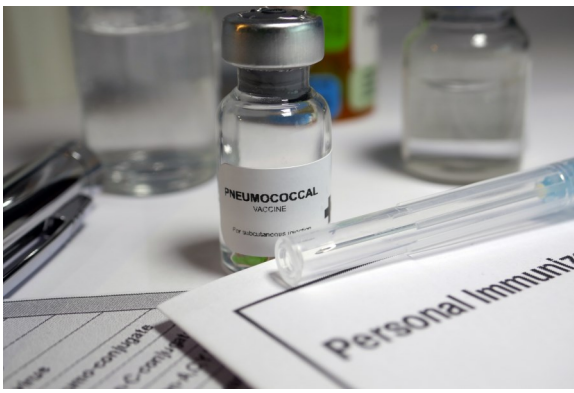
On April 23, *USA Today* published an opinion piece by former first lady and Vaccinate Your Family founder, Rosalyn Carter. [Disinformation Is the New Barrier to Measles Vaccines, and It's Deadly](#) is a response to the current measles outbreak in the U.S. and the shift from the fight to make parents aware of the need for vaccines and to make them accessible and affordable to the current battle of dealing with vaccine disinformation. Portions of the opinion piece are reprinted below.

*...Today, as our nation faces another outbreak of deadly measles and with the number of cases rising daily, we battle a different threat: disinformation. This crisis is not caused by an inability to access life-saving vaccines. Rather, families have been misled into believing that vaccines pose a greater risk than the diseases they prevent. This is simply untrue....*

*Our organization, now renamed Vaccinate Your Family: The Next Generation of Every Child by Two, continues our efforts to educate the public, the news media and policymakers about the critical importance of timely immunizations for all ages. Families should understand that opting out places their loved ones and their community in grave danger. It is critical that people take the time to consider the sources of health information they are accessing via the Internet and elsewhere to ensure that they are evidence-based.*

*Get the facts: Vaccines are safe and effective, and they save lives.*





# 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference

We are pleased to announce that the hotel contracts have been signed and room blocks are now available at seven hotels in Salina for the 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference. Please see the chart below for a list of hotels and details related to number of rooms in our block, room rate and deadline for guaranteed rate. Note that rooms will book quickly in Salina, particularly for the last night as the annual River Festival will follow our conference. When booking, please mention the Kansas Immunization Conference to get the rate listed.

| Hotel                  | Rooms | Rate           | Deadline  | Phone        |
|------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Country Inn and Suites | 43    | \$82           | 6/1/2019  | 785-827-1271 |
| Hampton Inn            | 90    | \$129          | 5/27/2019 | 785-823-9800 |
| Holiday Inn Salina     | 5     | 129.99 Doubles | 5/11/2019 | 785-404-6767 |
| Holiday Inn Salina     | 35    | \$94 King      | 5/11/2019 | 785-404-6767 |
| Holiday Inn Express    | 30    | \$94           | 5/10/2019 | 785-404-3300 |
| Candlewood Suites      | 20    | \$85 Singles   | 5/13/2019 | 785-823-6939 |
| Candlewood Suites      | 10    | \$94 Doubles   | 5/13/2019 | 785-823-6939 |

2019 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

# VACCINES CAUSE ADULTS

## JUNE 11-13, 2019

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**Kansas**  
Department of Health  
and Environment

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
KU Area Health Education Center  
(620) 235-4040  
Brochure to follow.

[Click here to register today](#)

# Kansas Immunization Program— Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS)— We're Not There Yet...Strategies Toward Improving HPV Vaccination in Kansas

May 16 (noon-1 p.m.)



**Gretchen Homan, M.D.**  
Associate Professor,  
Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics,  
Department of Pediatrics  
KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Dr. Homan is an associate professor in the department of pediatrics at The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. She earned her M.D. from the University of Kansas in 2004 before working in the NICU at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She then moved on to work as a general pediatrician at Cottonwood Pediatrics in Newton before joining the University of Kansas as a general pediatrician and assistant professor. Dr. Homan is a member of several organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Kansas Medical Society, Quality Improvement Innovation Network of AAP, and the Academic Pediatric Association. Additionally, she been named an American Academy of Pediatrics Champion for Oral Health as well as an American Academy of Pediatrics Recognized Leader.



**Kari Harris, M.D.**  
Director, Adolescent Medicine,  
Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics;  
Associate Professor,  
KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Dr. Harris is the director of the adolescent medicine section and an associate professor of pediatrics at The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. She earned her M.D. from The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita in 2007. She began her career as a clinical instructor before advancing to an assistant professor then to associate professor, all at The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Dr. Harris is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is the president of the Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this session participants should be able to:

1. Review background information on HPV disease and vaccine.
2. Discuss vaccination strategies and counseling.
3. Explore pro-vaccination culture.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

All participants requesting continuing education credit or a certificate of attendance must complete documentation of attendance and evaluation form online within the timeframe noted.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this program, contact the KU Medical Center AHEC at 620-235-4040.

Click here to [Register](#)



# KAFP Annual Meeting offers valuable CME for your practice

June 6-8 | Wichita, Kansas



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**Annual Meeting | June 6-8, 2019  
Wichita, Kansas**

Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) invites you to the 2019 KAFP Annual Meeting: "Connect. Interact. Learn." June 6-8 at the Wichita Marriott. This is your opportunity to network with fellow family physicians, participate in Academy business and earn up to 20.5 CME credits. KAFP is pleased to offer a pre-conference session 'MAT Waiver Training' on June 5, free for KAFP members and only \$50 for non-members. Register for the MAT Waiver training with your Annual Meeting registration [\[click here\]](#) or as a separate event [\[click here\]](#). Visit [www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/](http://www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/) for Annual Meeting schedule, registration and more!

**June 5 | 1 – 5:30 p.m.**

Pre-Conference Session:  
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CME sessions encompass social determinants of health, wound care, smart technology with children, long acting reversible contraception, POCUS, prostate cancer, COPD, obesity, diabetes, pediatrics, lupus and more. [View the full schedule here.](#)

Please contact the KAFP office at 316-721-9005 or e-mail [kafp@kafponline.org](mailto:kafp@kafponline.org) with questions about the meeting or registration. We hope you will join us to Connect. Interact. Learn!

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*This Live activity, Kansas-AFP 2019 Annual Meeting, with a beginning date of June 5, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 20.50 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.*

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